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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3806

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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CINCPAC

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, SW, LA

SUBJECT: SWEDISH-LAO RELATIONS

1. BJORN STERNBY, FIRST SECRETARY OF SWEDISH EMBASSY HANOI WHO IS ON VISIT TO VIENTIANE, TOLD EMBOFF MAY 13 THAT SWEDEN WAS CONSIDERING OPENING EMBASSY HERE. (AT PRESENT AMBASSADOR AT BANGKOK IS CONCURRENTLY ACCREDITED TO LAOS AND THERE IS NO RESIDENT MISSION.) STERNBY EXPECTS TO COMPLETE HIS HANOI TOUR IN JUNE, TAKE LEAVE IN SWEDEN AND REPORT TO VIENTIANE TO OPEN EMBASSY IN THE FALL. HE INQUIRED AS TO PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF MAINTAINING A MISSION HERE: RENTS, SCHOOLS, SERVANTS, CRIME, ETC. EMBOFF GAVE CURRENT ANSWERS BUT NOTED THAT PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION COULD WELL HAVE PRODUCED SIGNIFICANT CHANGES BY TIME STERNBY ARRIVED TO OPEN EMBASSY. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, WELCOME SWEDISH ADDITION TO OUR DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY.

2. STERNBY HAD VISITED SAM NEUA IN APRIL AT INVITATION OF  
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LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT. WHILE THERE HE MET WITH SISANA SISAN,

A MEMBER OF LPF'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHO SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN TASK OF LOOKING AFTER NON-COMMUNIST VISITORS. STERNBY WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE ACTIVITY THERE AND FOUND THAT ROADS HE SAW IN LPF ZONE COMPARED FAVORABLY WITH THOSE IN NORTH VIET-NAM. ON CROSSING DRV-LAO BORDER HE WAS ASKED TO SHOW HIS PASSPORT BUT RECEIVED NO ENTRY STAMP, ALTHOUGH HE ASKED FOR ONE.

3. STERNBY DESCRIBED SWEDISH-NORTH VIETNAMESE RELATIONS AS SATISFACTORY BUT SAID HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT POTENTIAL PROBLEMS OF MAINTAINING LARGE AID MISSION WHICH WOULD ARRIVE SOON. DRV AUTHORITIES WERE ALREADY CONCERNED AT ATTEMPTS TO FRATERNIZE WITH LOCAL MAIDENS BY 30-MAN SWEDISH ADVANCE PARTY WHICH IS PREPARING THE SITE.  
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